



Namakwa Civic Movement (NCM)

Constitution

2022 – With Amendments Proposed

1. Name

Namakwa Civic Movement a community-based organization that is registered as a political party to participate in elections supported by an investment arm striving for the holistic well-being of ALL people with origins in the geographic boundaries of the Namakwa District Municipality.

2. Goals

- To represent the interest all of the residents of the Namakwa District Area at various governance levels and relevant platforms
- To implement processes for service delivery for sustainable livelihoods
- Holistic youth development in the area
- Promotion of inclusive economic growth for the people of Namakwa
- Promotion of ethical leadership and clean governance
- Promotion of the “People First” principle
- To achieve organisational financial independence
- To advocate, lobby and create awareness on matters of public concern

3. Vision

A magical, happy, healthy and holistically well-balanced society where everyone with proven origins in the geographic area of the Namakwa District Municipality have access to equitable opportunities and equally benefitting from the wealth of this area.

4. Mission

- Socio-economic transformation by strategically mobilizing communities accordingly
- To lobby and advocate for identified relevant focus areas
- Operation of vibrant governance structures to ensure effective organisational output and accountability
- Promotion and beneficiation of the natural resources of the area
- Funding and execution of projects via the investment arm

5. Values

- Transparency
- Consistency
- Integrity
- Honesty
- Trustworthy
- Respect
- Goal-driven
- Pride
- Passion
- Dedication

6. Legal Entity

- The NCM is a legal entity that can litigate in her own name and can be litigated against. The NCM can continue to exist without changes within her member- and leadership.
- Members are not responsible for the losses of NCM.
- Legal and trade authority resides within the Executive.
- The Executive manages the assets of NCM on behalf of the organisation for the best interest of its members and residents.
- Assets, inclusive of funds remain the property of the organisation NCM.

7. Membership

- Membership is open to each and everyone that subscribes to the vision, mission, values and goals, Code of Conduct and disciplinary processes of the NCM.
- Membership fees are voluntary with a minimum amount of ten rand (R10), annually renewable.

8. Governance Structures

The founding Executive structure will serve for a term of five (5) years, with the privilege to second additional members, without voting rights, for that specific term.

The Executive Committee will be elected from the various branch nominees every five years. The Executive Committee will be structured along relevant operational committees to ensure the effective execution of organisational policies and the successful achievement of her goals.

The following positions will be available for elections

- Chairperson
- Deputy Chairperson
- Secretary
- Deputy Secretary
- Treasurer

The remaining five (5) Exco members will have portfolios.

The positions become vacant when;

- the incumbent resigns
- in case of death
- suspension from organisation

The five municipal areas will be led by three Convenors per municipal area, as nominated and supported by 2/3 (two-thirds) of the members present at the particular municipal general electoral meeting. One of the nominees will be appointed to represent the municipal area on the Executive Committee ex officio.

Municipal Convenors must convene with ward coordinators every month, prior to Executive meetings.

Special meetings and outreaches can be conducted as the need arise.

The various wards within each municipal area will be represented by two Coordinators as nominated and supported by 2/3 (two-thirds) of the members present at the particular nominating meeting.

Ward Coordinators must convene monthly interactions within their respective wards.

The Executive Committee is responsible for the overall management and leadership direction of the organisation.

The Executive Committee must meet bi-monthly and special meetings can be convened as and when required.

NCM public representatives must attend the ward and municipal area meetings.

9. Finances

The Finances of the organisation will be managed within an approved and legislatively compliant framework with the final authority resting in the Executive Committee.

10. Amendments to the Constitution

- The NCM Constitution can be amended at an Annual General meeting or a meeting specifically called for such purpose.
- The notice for a meeting convened for the purpose of amending the Constitution must be signed by at least 5 (five) members of the Executive Committee and should be circulated accordingly.
- The member/s tabling the proposed amendment must be present at the specific meeting.
- The Constitution can only be amended once the amendment has been accepted by 2/3 (two-thirds) of the recognised members present in the meeting.

11. Notices

- Notices can be sent by any recognised method of mail, registered mail, courier service, email, sms, social media platform, mobile number and address as provided by the member.

12. Dissolution

- The NCM can dissolve by a decision taken at an AGM duly convened for this purpose
- Upon the dissolution of NCM the assets and proceeds will be donated to similar organisation.

13. Addendums

- **Code of Conduct**
- **Executive Committee Manual**
- **Finance Management Manual**
- **Election Manual**
- **Public Representative Manually**
- **Office Manual**